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In response to the November 10, 2004 Office Action, please consider the following  
amendments and remarks:

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**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 5.

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